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1. The radar set with two ears at the Rechlin (N 54/U 33) airfield was not in operation on 4 and 5 October 1950. (1) A dog on a long leash guarded the set. The cobblestone pavement around the former northern hangar at the field was being torn up and carted away. A laborer at the field said that the stones were used for improvement work at the Wittstock (N 54/U 11) airfield. He also said that the Soviets searched for underground fuel containers which were to be removed. The Soviets allegedly conducted construction work and tests in the wind tunnels at the southern hangar in September 1950. (2) Source, however, did not observe any activity or structural changes in this area.

3. The earth bunker about 40 meters west of the railroad spur track and the searchlight, the generator and the truck close to it, which were previously seen at the Laerz (N 54/U 33) airfield were no longer seen on 4 October 1950. Five searchlights about 35 cm in diameter, which beamed red light, were at the western end of the runway. Soviet soldiers were constructing an earthbunker about 6 x 8 meters, south of the western end of the runway. A completed earthbunker about 8 x 12 meters, a generator, a mast 5 meters high with a red lamp on the top, a tent, a truck, and two rows each of six lamps on poles about 120 cm high were north of the western end of the runway. (4)
4. On 30 September 1950, one railroad tank car was standing on the railroad siding of the field. Five such tank cars were there on 2 October 1950. Three new tank cars were switched on to the siding on the afternoon of 2 October, while 12 empty tank cars were dispatched toward Mirow (N 54/U 33). A railroad employee said that the railroad tank cars had come from Velten (N 53/Z 66) or Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) and that their content was designated as crude oil.

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- (1) The radar set was previously reported. [REDACTED]. The set probably belongs to the fighter division headquarters.
- (2) This is the first information on such activity.

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- (4) The presence of the earth bunkers is reported for the first time. Radio stations are believed to be in the bunkers. For layout sketch, see Annex.

1 Annex: Bunkers at the Laerz Airfield.

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